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1. INDOCHINA

FULBRIGHT SAYS PRES AND HAK AT WH BREAKFAST WITH
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS MEETING PUSHED FOR CONTINUING
RESOLUTION FOR FOREIGN AID AT LAST FY'S LEVEL TO
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AVOID PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS IN PENDING BILL AFFECTING

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ASSISTANCE TO SVN, SK AND TURKEY (NYDN). WP'S MORGAN REVIEWS THEIR ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON AID BILL THAT IS IN "DEEP TROUBLE." QUOTES MANSFIELD THAT BILL WOULD BE TAKEN TO FLOOR NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING ACTION ON CONTINUING RESOLUTION. LISTS SOME OF "UN-PRECEDENTED RESTRICTIONS" ON BILL AS REPORTED OUT OF SFRC INCLUDING SHARP REDUCTIONS IN ECON AND MIL AID TO SVN, LAOS AND CAMBODIA; CEILINGS ON ALL TYPES OF SPENDING IN INDOCHINA; PHASE-OUT OF MIL AID TO SK BY 1977 BECAUSE OF "REPRESSIVE POLICIES" OF ROKG; AND TAKING AWAY OF PRES' AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER UP TO 250 MILLION WORTH OF PENTAGON STOCKS TO CAMBODIA FOR "NATIONAL SECURITY" REASONS. MORGAN SAYS SENATE AGREE-MENT TO CONTINUE AID SPENDING AT OLD LEVELS WOULD KEEP PROGRAMS ALIVE UNTIL CONGRESS ADJOURNS, BUT ADMIN STRATEGISTS ARE RESIGNED TO "FURIOUS SENATE ASSAULT" ON AID BILL IN FORM OF NEW AMENDMENTS WHEN IT COMES

UP. COMMENTS THAT IF BILL DEFEATED, WH COULD STILL ATTEMPT TO REVIVE IT AFTER ELECTION; OTHERWISE, US POSTWAR MIL AND ECON AID "WOULD COME TO AN END."

VC SPOKESMAN SAIGON, COMMENTING ON US DISTRICT COURT ORDER OVERTURNING CALLEY'S CONVICTION FOR MY LAI KILLINGS, SAYS CALLEY RELEASE WOULD PROVE ONCE AGAIN THAT US CONTINUES TO "CREATE MORE SUFFERINGS" FOR SVN PEOPLE. ADDS THAT CALLEY RELEASE DOES NOT MATTER, BUT PROBLEM IS THAT US CONTINUES TO CAUSE SUFFERING BY USING THIEU ADMIN TO CONTINUE WAR (AP, WP). UPI SAIGON (CHITRIB) REPORTS THAT VIETS QUESTIONED RECENTLY ON COURT DECISION OVERTURNING CALLEY CONVICTION EITHER DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS OR SAID THAT MY LAI MASSACRE WAS THING OF PAST. ONE COMMENTED THAT VIET PEOPLE HAVE "TOO MANY OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT."

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES MAINTAIN DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS WILL ARRIVE IN SAIGON 10/1 (AP SAIGON). MCARTHUR (LAT 9/26) WRITES THAT FOLLOWING WARNINGS THAT AID CUTS HAVE REDUCED ARVN TO "VIRTUALLY STARVATION RATIONS," ADMIN DISPATCHING HIM TO BOLSTER MORALE AND
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SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. WILL BE HIGHEST-RANKING AMERICAN VISITOR SINCE C-F AND ALMOST CERTAIN TO BRING ASSURANCES THAT ADMIN WILL CONTINUE TRYING TO "WREST MORE DOLLARS FROM A RELUCTANT CONGRESS." ARRANGEMENTS SECRET, BUT MCARTHUR QUOTES "AUTHOR-ITATIVE SOURCES" THAT ARRIVAL WILL COINCIDE WITH RETURN OF AMB. MARTIN. MISSION WILL NOT CONFIRM CLEMENTS' TRIP BUT IS HARDLY SECRET THAT EMBASSY NOW

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TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SUBJECT OF AID TO SVN.
MCARTHUR BELIEVES CLEMENTS WILL LOOK INTO INTERNAL
DOD BOOKEEPING SINCE DAO LONG DISSATISFIED WITH
PRACTICES THAT DIVERT AID DOLLARS TO OTHER COSTS,
INCLUDING SHIPPING, ADMINISTRATION, AND HARDWARE
THAT GVN DOES NOT WANT.

REVIEWS SECDEF SPEECH CLAIM THAT CUTS IN MIL AID
HAVE PUT ALLY "ON THE MILITARY EQUIVALENT OF STARVATION
RATIONS" AFTER HAVING TOLD THEM WE WOULD PROVIDE TOOLS
AND EXPECT THEM TO DO JOB. SEES SPEECH AND CLEMENTS
TRIP INDICATING ADMIN WILL KEEP TRYING FOR MORE MIL
AID. SAYS MARTIN UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE RELAYED ASSURANCES
BACK TO GVN DURING TWO MONTHS OF "BEHIND-THE-SCENES
WORK" IN WASHINGTON. STATES THAT OFFICIALS IN SAIGON
NOTE AID BILL TOO FAR ALONG FOR MAJOR CHANGES AND
FEEL - "PERHAPS WISHFULLY" - THAT PRES WILL MAKE
SERIOUS TRY TO GET SUPPLEMENTAL AID APPROPRIATION

FROM CONGRESS AFTER ELECTIONS; SIZE IS SPECULATIVE,
BUT WOULD BE AT LEAST 200 MILLION DOLS AND MAY BE
BASED ON CLEMENTS' REPORT ON RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
QUOTES RANKING OFFICERS' PRIVATE CONTENTIONS THAT SVN
NEEDS AT LEAST 800 MILLION DOLS FOR AMMO AND HARDWARE
ALONE; FIGURE LEAVES OUT SUCH THINGS AS MED SUPPLIES,
WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIAL SINCE HOSPITALS PRESENTLY HAVE
ABOUT 30,000 WOUNDED.

VIENTIANE OFFICIALS SAY SOUVANNA RECOVERING WELL ON
RIVIERA AND WILL RETURN ABOUT OCT 15 (WP; AP, NYDN).

PP OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATION OF CAMBODIA TEACHERS,
OFTEN CRITICAL OF GKR, HAS BEEN DISBANDED (WP).
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2. KOREA

IN FIRST ANTI-GOVT STREET DEMONSTRATION SINCE APRIL,
ABOUT 1,500 RC PRIESTS AND LAYMEN HOLDING PRAYER
SESSION CLASHED WITH RIOT POLICE THURSDAY IN SEOUL
(WP, CHITRIB). AP (SEOUL) REPORTS AT LEAST TWO
DEMONSTRATORS WERE DETAINED BY POLICE, BUT REPORTEDLY
RELEASED LATER AFTER CROWD REFUSED TO DISPERSE UNTIL
THEY WERE FREED. ALSO THURSDAY NIGHT, STUDENT LEADERS
OF 12 COLLEGES AT SEOUL NATIONAL U MET ON CAMPUS AND
DEMANDED SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ALLOW THEM TO HOLD CAMPUS
CAMPAIGNS (NYT).

3. CHINA

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PRES. NAMES BRUCE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO NATO, SUCCEEDING RUMSFELD (SUN, CHITRIB, NYT, CSM; UPI, BALT N-A 9/26).

REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, SAYS LATEST MYSTERY IN "ENDLESS CHINA-WATCHING GUESSING GAME" IS MAO'S WHEREABOUTS. HE IS ALIVE, IN REASONABLE HEALTH, AND IN RECENT WEEKS MET AND CONFERRED WITH THREE VISITING HEADS OF STATE, BUT WHERE EXACTLY MEETINGS TOOK PLACE WAS NOT ANNOUNCED. MAO'S LAST APPEARANCE BEFORE BIG MYSTERY BEGAN WAS WHEN HE WAS PHOTOED IN-FAMILIAR BOOK-LINED STUDY WITH RAZAK MAY 29 IN CHUNGNANHAI; IN SEPT. 4 PHOTO WITH TOGO PRES, INSTEAD OF BOOKSHELVES BACKDROP THERE WAS DARK CURTAIN, AND TOGOLESE SOURCES REVEALED SITE WAS PEITAIHO. BUT PLOT THICKENED AGAIN WHEN SAME DARK CURTAIN APPEARED BEHIND PHOTO OF CHAIRMAN WITH MAURITANIAN PRES SEPT. 19, AND IT WAS

LEARNED THAT MEETING SITE WAS 90 MINUTES FLYING TIME OUT OF PEKING -- FAR LONGER THAN NEEDED TO REACH PEITAIHO.

CONFUSION COMPOUNDED WHEN NCNA, IN REPORT DATELINED PEKING, SAID MAO AND MAURITAINIAN "MET HERE." THEN ANOTHER RUMOR STARTED CIRCULATING THAT, IN FACT, MAO WAS STAYING IN VILLA JUST OUTSIDE PEKING, AND 90-MINUTE FLIGHT STORY WAS INVENTED JUST TO FOOL
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EVERYBODY. SHARP SAYS TRUTH WILL DOUBTLESS BE KNOWN SOME DAY. WHAT MAY NEVER BE KNOWN -- AND THIS IS QUESTION CHINA-WATCHERS ASK THEMSELVES OVER AND OVER AGAIN -- IS WHY CHINESE CHOOSE TO KEEP DEEP DARK SECRET WHAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE ROUTINE INFO (9/26).

FOR SECOND TIME IN WEEK, CHOU RECEIVED FOREIGN VISITOR AT HIS HOSPITAL IN PEKING, SPENDING HOUR WITH MAURTAINIAN PRES AND WIFE (NYT).

UPI (HK) SAYS EXPERT VISITORS WHO TOURED MANY PRC AGRIC AREAS RECENTLY AGREE WITH CHINESE PREDICTIONS THAT COUNTRY WILL REAP RECORD GRAIN HARVEST THIS YEAR, DESPITE WORST FLOODS IN MORE THAN 25 YEARS IN ONE KEY PRODUCING AREA AND SCATTERED DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN OTHER REGIONS (CHITRIB, JOC, WP). NCNA CLAIMS PRC'S GRAIN HARVEST LAST YEAR DWARFED ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS, EXCEEDING 250 MILLION TONS. QUOTES FIGURE NOTABLY HIGHER THAN WESTERN ESTIMATES, WHICH PUT LAST YEAR'S HARVEST AT 240 MILLION TONS. NCNA ALSO REPORTS THAT IN 25 YEARS SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC, CEREAL OUTPUT IN CHINA HAS

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DOUBLED AND THAT EVERY CHINESE NOW GETS ABOUT 220
POUNDS MORE GRA
N YEARLY THAN IN 1949 (AFP, NYT).

JUST BACK FROM MORE THAN MONTH IN CHINA, DR. NORMAN
BORLAUG (RECIPIENT OF NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR WORK IN
INTERNATIONAL MAIZE AND WHEAT IMPROVEMENT
CENTER IN MEXICO) SAYS PRC IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE HEAVY
IMPORTS OF SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER AT LEAST UNTIL 10
US-BUILT MAJOR PLANTS ARE IN OPERATION IN 1978.
GENERALLY, HE FOUND CHINESE SKILLED IN USE OF SYNTHETIC
FERTILIZERS, THOUGH HE FOUND ONE CASE WHERE FARMERS
WERE WASTING ROUGHLY 20 PER CENT OF PRODUCT BY TOP-
DRESSING PADDY RICE WITH AMMONIUM NITRATE. ADDED
THAT HIS PLANT STUDIES GROUP'S CHINESE HOSTS WERE
RELUCTANT TO PERMIT VISITS TO FERTILIZER FACTORIES.
MEMBERS OF GROUP CONFIRMED HK REPORTS THAT CHINA
APPEARS HEADING FOR RECORD GRAIN CROP THIS YEAR (JOC).

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IN KUWAIT, PRC DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER CHAN PLEDGED PEKING'S
SUPPORT THURSDAY FOR OIL STATES IN THEIR PRICING POLICIES.
SAID, "WE LOOK AT THE PRICE OF OIL, AND WE FIND IT
JUSTIFIED. WE ARE SUPPORTING THE OIL-EXPORTING
COUNTRIES" (REUTER, NYDN; WP).

JOC'S BOGGISS, AT MONTREAL, OBSERVES THAT IN ITS FIRST
APPEARANCE BEFORE ICAO ASSEMBLY, PRC "PULLED NO PUNCHES
IN MAKING KNOWN WHERE ITS SYMPATHIES LIE" IN MATTER OF
AIR TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENTS. CALLING
CHINA DEVELOPING COUNTRY BELONGING TO THIRD WORLD,
PRC CHIEF DELEGATE TU SHEN SAID ICAO'S WORK SHOULD BE
BASED PRIMARILY ON SITUATION IN MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBER
STATES, WHO IN FACT ARE SO-CALLED THIRD WORLD, NOT BASED
MERELY ON WHAT MINORITY WANT. TU SAID HE HOPES ASSEMBLY
WILL REDRESS DISPARITY IN THIRD-WORLD REPRESENTATION
ON ICAO COUNCIL, AND IN BLAST AT UNNAMED SUPER-POWERS,
TU CONCEDED THAT TECHNICAL HELP IS NEEDED IN EXPANSION
OF CIVIL AVIATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

VICE FM CHIAO ARRIVED UN THURSDAY TO HEAD PRC
DELEGATION, ACCOMPANIED BY WHAT IS REPORTEDLY
MAGNIFICANT CULTURAL DONATION TO WORLD BODY,
ACCORDING REUTER. CHIAO DECLINED SPEAKING TO
PRESS, AND WHAT CULTURAL DONATION CONSISTS OF
HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED. HOWEVER, EIGHT CARTONS
OF ORIENTAL ART WERE PLACED IN RENTAL TRUCK AND
DRIVEN FROM KENNEDY AIRPORT TO PRC MISSION IN NY
(9/26).

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AP (LISBON) REPORTS PREDICTION IN NEWSPAPER THERE THURSDAY THAT PORTUGAL SOON WILL ESTABLISH DIPOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC AND MAY GIVE UP MACAO (NYDN).

EXPO '74 IN SPOKANE, WASH., WILL HOLD "CHINA WEEK" FROM OCT. 8 IN HONOR OF ROC, ONE OF 10 PARTICIPATING NATIONS (JOC).

ROC BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR SAYS COUNTRY MAY WIND UP WITH FAVORABLE 1974 FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE DESPITE 745 MILLION DOLS DEFICIT IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS.
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HIS REMARKS CONTRASTED WITH PESSIMISTIC OPINIONS AIRED BY OTHER OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PREDICTED ONE BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT THIS YEAR (UPI, JOC).

4. HONG KONG

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, REPORTS HK AND SHANGHAI BANK'S

GENERAL MANAGER, IAN MACDONALD, WHO GEGARDS US DOLLAR AS STRONGEST CURRENCY FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE, PLANS OPENING NEW SEATTLE OFFICE IN NOV.

5. JAPAN

ELEVEN OF TOP 13 JAPANESE BANKS NOW HAVE BRANCHES ON US WEST COAST (S-N 9/26).

FINANCE MINISTRY FIGURES ISSUED FRIDAY SHOW JAPAN'S OVERALL B/P DEFICIT MORE THAN DOUBLED LAST MONTH, EVEN THOUGH ITS TRADE BALANCE SHOWED MARKED IMPROVEMENT (REUTER TOKYO).

DOWNTOWN TOKYO SKYSCRAPERS SWAYED VISIBLY FRIDAY WHEN TWO EARTHQUAKES ROCKED JAPAN; NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES REPORTED (REUTER TOKYO).

WP'S SCHUMACHER, IN TOKYO, REPORTS MUTSU CREW FINALLY RECEIVED BADLY-NEEDED FOOD AND WATER THURSDAY, BUT ILL-STARRED SHIP CONTINUES AT SEA WITH NO END IN SIGHT TO ITS SEARCH FOR PORT. SAYS LATE REPORT REVEALS 56-MAN CREW IS RESTLESS AND, IN PETITION TO CAPTAIN HAS THREATENED TO REFUSE FURTHER RESUPPLY IF DECISION ON DESTINATION IS NOT REACHED WITHIN WEEK.

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WHITLAM DEPARTED FRIDAY FOR 18-DAY VISIT TO N.
AMERICA AND S. PACIFIC -- IGNORING STORM OF PROTEST
BY PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION FOR LEAVING COUNTRY AT
TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS. OPPOSITION ATTACKS WERE
ECHOED BY SOME AUSSIE NEWSPAPERS (REUTER SYDNEY).
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GENERAL PAPERS REPORT SHAH OF IRAN'S BLAST AT US
OVER STATEMENTS ON OPEC OIL PRICES. SAID HE IS
READY TO TAKE ON GE,GM, AND "ALL THE OTHER GENERALS
THEY HAVE."

7. THAILAND

GLOBE'S CHRISTY REPORTS THAI STYLES ARE MAKING MARK IN
US, AS BANGKOK HAS BECOME ONE OF FASHION'S NEWEST
CENTERS. THAI-MADE CLOTHES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY 800
US STORES.

8. SUGAR IMPORTS

USDA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL 600,000 METRIC TONS OF

SUGAR CAN BE IMPORTED TO US UNDER ITS QUOTA SYSTEM.
ASIA SHIPPERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE THEIR US
SALES AS FOLLOWS (IN TONS): PHILIPPINES 144,177;
AUSTRALIA 22,812; ROC 9,497; FIJI 4,999; AND THAILAND
2,090 (CNS, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. KOREA

LAT'S JAMESON (SEPT 26) IN SEOUL SAYS POLITICAL ARRESTS
HAVE STOPPED AND "SOFTENING OF THE MOOD" IN KOREA HAS
OCCURRED SINCE PARK LIFTED TWO EMERGENCY DECREES.
INSTEAD OF ARRESTS AND JAIL SENTENCES, PARK AGENTS
HAVE SUBSTITUTED DETENTIONS, INTERROGATIONS AND WARNINGS;
AND INSTEAD OF FORBIDDING CRITICISM OF THE AUTHORITARIAN
CONSTITUTION, PUBLICATION OF SUCH CRITICISM HAS BEEN
PROHIBITED.

CITES INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS AS PREDICTING THAT PARK
PROBABLY WOULD PERMIT DEGREE OF REAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY
WITHIN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. NDP LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM
SAID HE WILL PROPOSE THAT OPPOSITION AND MAJORITY PARTY
LEGISLATORS ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT REVISIONS
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TO 1972 CONSTITUTION WHEN HE DELIVERS HIS FIRST MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS TO ASSEMBLY EARLY NEXT MONTH. MOST CONTROVERSIAL OF HIS PROPOSALS WAS LIKELY TO BE THAT THE PRES ACCEPT DIRECT PUBLIC ELECTION AND LIMIT OF TWO 4-YEAR TERMS.

TWO NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO MOOD OF OPTIMISM. NAMED AS JUSTICE MIN WAS HWANG SAN TOK, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND FREQUENT CRITIC OF PARK; YI WON KYONG, HAPDONG NEWS AGENCY PRES, NAMED MIN OF CULTURE AND INFO. OBSERVERS SAW HOPE THAT NEW APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BRING FRESH LOOK BUT PREDICTED NO MAJOR CHANGE IN PARK POLICIES. INDICATIVE OF THIS, JAMESON REPORTS KIM DAE JUNG IS STILL UNDER VIRTUAL HOUSE ARREST AND AGENTS ASSIGNED TO "GUARD" HIM HAVE BEEN INCREASED; YUN PO SUN HAS BEEN HARASSED BY SEOUL TAX OFFICERS AND MAY LOSE HIS HOME.

10. CHINA

CSM'S PEGGY PRINTZ IN HK DESCRIBES HOW US FIRMS DO BUSINESS WITH BOTH PRC AND TAIWAN, CHARACTERIZING SITUATION AS VERY MUCH LIKE MAN TRYING TO COURT TWO SISTERS. OBSERVES THAT TRADING WITH BOTH NEED NOT BE AN "EITHER...OR" BUSINESS, SINCE NEITHER INSISTS ON

MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TRADING PARTNERS; AND THOUGH CHINA IS SUCCEEDING IN ISOLATING TAIWAN DIPLOMATICALLY, WHEN IT COMES TO DOLLARS AND CENTS PEKING APPEARS MORE PRAGMATIC. CITES AMERICAN CLOSE TO SCENE THAT CHINESE PROBABLY WELCOME FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT ON TAIWAN, "THAT WAY, IF THEY EVER CONTROL THE ISLAND, THEY CAN TAKE OVER A GOING CONCERN."

MOST US COMPANIES APPROACH CHINA-TAIWAN SITUATION AS THEY DO TRADE WITH PRC AND USSR, THAT IS, PROCEEDING WITH POLICY THATMWHAT THEY DON'T KNOW WON'T HURT THEM." BUT EXPERIENCED TRADER ADVISES, "IF YOU'RE
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ASKED, BE HONEST AND TELL THEM" ABOUT DOING BUSINESS WITH THE OTHER SIDE. "IF YOU'RE NOT ASKED, DON'T SAY ANYTHING."

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11. AUSTRALIA

LAT'S LAMB (SEPT 26) IN SYDNEY DISCERNS QUERULOUS MOOD AMONG AUSSIES, UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER THEY WANT TO BE BACKWATER OR WAKE OF 21ST CENTURY. WHITLAM, WHO BROUGHT AN EXCITING ERA OF CHANGE - NEW INDEPENDENT-MINDED FOREIGN POLICIES, AN INTEREST IN ARTS AND ABORIGINES, BELIEF THAT AUSTRALIANS SHOULD START TO BELIEVE IN AUSTRALIA - AT LEAST MOVED AUSTRALIA INTO 20TH CENTURY. BUT HIS MOMENTUM IS GONE. GOA IS WRESTLING WITH SOURING ECONOMY; ITS CAUCUS, COMPRISED LARGELY OF INARTICULATE MEN WHO HAVE RISEN THROUGH UNION RANKS, HAS BEEN UNCERTAIN AND UNIMPRESSIVE. THERE ARE FEW NEW FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES TO TAKE AND ABORIGINES ARE NO LONGER ISSUE. INFLATION IS CLOSING IN AT 20 PERCENT RATE, UNION MILITANCY IS CLEARLY OUT OF HAND, AND WHITLAM IS BEING CHALLENGED BY ALP'S POWERFUL LEFT WING. THUS, AUSTRALIA, WHICH JUST YEAR AGO THOUGHT IT HAD FOUND NEW DIRECTION UNDER WHITLAM, NOW QUESTIONS ITS CHOSEN PATH AGAIN. IT IS TREADING WATER, LACKING LEADERSHIP AND VISION.

12. VIETNAM
OBE EDIT REFERS TO CLEMENTS VISIT TO SAIGON, REPORTEDLY TO EXHORT GVN TO KEEP POWDER DRY AND TO REASSURE THEM THAT DESPITE DOVISH SENTIMENTS IN CONGRESS, US IS STILL BEHIND THEM. NOTES THAT FOR THIS FY, CONGRESS ALREADY HAS APPROPRIATED 700 MILLION DOLS FOR ARMS FOR SAIGON, REMARKING THAT IF FORD HAS HIS WAY, THIEU REGIME WOULD GET TWICE AS MUCH. SAYS US TRAVAIL IN VN HAS PROVEN THAT IT IS NOT SHORTAGE OF WEAPONS BUT LACK OF WILL, THAT THE VIETS FAILED TO DEFEAT THEIR COMMUNIST ADVERSARIES, AND "NO ONE ANY LONGER CAN MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT FACE IN PREDICTING THAT JUST A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS SURELY WILL TURN THE LAST CORNER." "TIME IS LONG OVERDUE TO CUT OFF AID. CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF US AID TO THIEU ONLY
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EXPANDS HIS MIL ESTABLISHMENT, CREATING STILL GREATER DEMANDS FOR SUPPORT."

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

WP'S GREENWAY WRITES FEATURE ON MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN PNG. NOTES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE HAVE OFTEN BEEN UNEASY BECAUSE BOTH MISSIONARIES AND GOA ADMINISTRATORS WERE SURE THAT THEY ALONE KNEW WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, SINCE PNG WAS

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GRANTED INTERNAL SELF-GOVT LAST DEC. RELATIONS BETWEEN MISSIONARIES AND NEW INDIGENOUS GOVT HAVE BEEN FAIRLY GOOD. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR PNG GOVT TO GET ALONG WITHOUT MISSIONARIES, WHO OPERATE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF COUNTRY'S 1,483 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND 31 OF 67 HIGH SCHOOLS. IN RECENT YEARS CHURCHES HAVE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO BRING MORE NATIVE PRIESTS AND MINISTERS INTO THEIR RANKS. KISSINGER

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